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FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0335
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY
CINCPAC PRIORITY
DIA WASHDC
IPAC HONOLULU PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIRITY
AMEMBASSY LONDON
USLO PEKING PRIORITY
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TAGS: MOPS, PEPR, PROP, CH, UR, US
SUBJ: HONG KONG'S PRC-CONTROLLED PRESS ON SINO-SOVIET
BORDER INCIDENT

1. RATHER STRAINED COMMENTARIES IN THE PRC-CONTROLLED TA KUNG PAO
AND WEN WEI PAO ON MAY 12 ATTRIBUTED THE MAY 9 SINO-SOVIET BORDER
INCIDENT TO SOVIET EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE BRZEZINSKI VISIT
TO CHINA AND TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE SOVIET THREAT TO
EUROPE. BY FEINTING TO THE EAST, THE PAPERS SAID, MOSCOW WAS
TRYING TO COVER INCREASED SOVIET PRESSURES ON EUROPE AND BENUMB
WESTERN OPPONENTS OF DETENTE, TA KUNG PAO IDENTIFIED SECRETARY
VANCE, AMBASSADOR WARNKE AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG AS MEMBERS OF THE
"PRO-DETENTE FACTION" IN THE USG AND DR. BRZEZINSKI AND SECRETARY
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BROWN AS "ANTI-DETENTE HAWKS".

2. WEN WEI PAO SAW THE INDICENT AS AN "OBVIOUSLY
PREMEDIATED" MOVE IN MOSCOW'S CONTINUING ATTEMPT TO
SURROUND CHINA. IT WARNED THAT CHINA WILL NOT TOLERATE
BEING "INSULTED" AND THAT THERE ARE LIMITS TO PEKING'S
RESTRAINT. THE SOVIET BORDER ACTION WAS DESCRIBED AS

AN ATTEMPT, ALSO, TO INCREASE TENSION AND TO DIVERT
CHINESE MANPOWER AND RESOURCES AWAY FROM ECONOMIC AND
NATIONAL DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT. THE PAPER ADDED THAT THE
SIVIETS "OPPOSE THE SALE OF 'HARRIER' FIGHTER PLANES
AND OTHER ADVANCED WEAPONS TO CHINA BY OTHER COUNTRIES".

3. COORDINATED WITH HKDLO.
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